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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 November 2005.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 12 November 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/12/2005 and 01/12/2007</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed 12 November 2005 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication (in particular, “Multimedia Multi-Network: A new Concept Multireseaux Multimedia: Un Nouveau Concept”) or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Specification

2. The abstract of the disclosure does not commence on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.52(b)(4). A new abstract of the disclosure is required and must be presented on a separate sheet, apart from any other text.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:
Regarding claim 1, line 5, the word – *is* – should be removed. Appropriate correction is required.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nishi (US 2001/0027484 A1).

Regarding claims 1, 9, 13, and 12, Rao discloses a quality assured network service provision system compatible with a multi-domain network and service provision method and service broker device, which comprises:

Receiving or defining a service level agreement in a service level specification, distributing the service level specification to the first and the second network entity by means of partitioning or by means of replication; and Controlling the first and the second network entity and thus ensuring that the sum of the provided quality of service on said connections between the two communication partners does not exceed limits defined in the service level specification

(Referring to Figures 1-3, bandwidth broker 23 is a system with a data processing function operated by program control for managing services in a network cluster comprising multiple devices, the bandwidth broker 23 ensures that devices with the network cluster do not exceed their service level agreements. The bandwidth broker 23 comprises an external system communication device 233, a security management device 234, a service level agreement management device 231, a domain route management device 232, and an internal system communication device 235. See paragraph 0049. The service level agreement management device 231 registers the service information agreed upon between the providers in the service

level agreement storage section 221, and also manages such information. Furthermore, the service level agreement management device 231 also provides an interface for registering, editing and deleting service level agreement information input via the output device 21. See paragraph 0051. The workflow server 24, like the bandwidth broker 23, is a system with a function for processing data which is operated by program control, and is connected to the bandwidth broker 23, the customer care server 25, the design server 27, the policy server 26, and the network management device 28 respectively. The workflow server 24 sends the necessary processing commands to each server and manages the progress of the commands in accordance with a workflow and an operation flow defined by the provider. See paragraph 0054 and 0058-0060.)

Regarding claim 2, Rao disclose *wherein the step of controlling is performed by a control node that is connected to the first and second network entity* (Referring to Figures 1-3, bandwidth broker 23 is a system with a data processing function operated by program control for managing services in a network cluster comprising multiple devices, the bandwidth broker 23 is connected to the network cluster and ensures that devices with the network cluster do not exceed their service level agreements. The bandwidth broker 23 comprises an external system communication device 233, a security management device 234, a service level agreement management device 231, a domain route management device 232, and an internal system communication device 235. See paragraph 0049.)

Regarding claim 3, Rao discloses *wherein at least one of said first and second network entities is connected to and adapted to be controlled by more than one control node and the control node can control more than one network entity* (Referring to Figures 1-3, bandwidth

broker 23 is a system with a data processing function operated by program control for managing services in a network cluster comprising multiple devices, the bandwidth broker 23 is connected to the network cluster and ensures that devices with the network cluster do not exceed their service level agreements. The bandwidth broker 23 comprises an external system communication device 233, a security management device 234, a service level agreement management device 231, a domain route management device 232, and an internal system communication device 235. See paragraph 0049.)

Regarding claim 4, Rao discloses *wherein in case of partitioning the first network entity handles a first kind of service requests and the second network entity handles a second kind of service requests* (Referring to Figures 1-3, bandwidth broker 23 is a system with a data processing function operated by program control for managing services in a network cluster comprising multiple devices which may handle many unique service requests, the bandwidth broker 23 is connected to the network cluster and ensures that devices with the network cluster do not exceed their service level agreements. The bandwidth broker 23 comprises an external system communication device 233, a security management device 234, a service level agreement management device 231, a domain route management device 232, and an internal system communication device 235. See paragraph 0049.)

Regarding claims 5, 11, and 14, Rao discloses *wherein in case of replication each of the first and the second network entities handles up to a certain share of the quality of service permitted by the service level agreement* (Referring to Figures 1-3, bandwidth broker 23 is a system with a data processing function operated by program control for managing services in a network cluster comprising multiple devices, the bandwidth broker 23 ensures that devices with

the network cluster do not exceed their service level agreements. The bandwidth broker 23 comprises an external system communication device 233, a security management device 234, a service level agreement management device 231, a domain route management device 232, and an internal system communication device 235. See paragraph 0049. The service level agreement management device 231 registers the service information agreed upon between the providers in the service level agreement storage section 221, and also manages such information. Furthermore, the service level agreement management device 231 also provides an interface for registering, editing and deleting service level agreement information input via the output device 21. See paragraph 0051. The workflow server 24, like the bandwidth broker 23, is a system with a function for processing data which is operated by program control, and is connected to the bandwidth broker 23, the customer care server 25, the design server 27, the policy server 26, and the network management device 28 respectively. The workflow server 24 sends the necessary processing commands to each server and manages the progress of the commands in accordance with a workflow and an operation flow defined by the provider. See paragraph 0054 and 0058-0060.)

Regarding claims 6, 10, and 15, Rao discloses *wherein a network entity is an edge node* (Referring to Figures 1-3, bandwidth broker 23 is a system with a data processing function operated by program control for managing services in a network cluster comprising multiple devices, including edge devices, the bandwidth broker 23 ensures that devices with the network cluster do not exceed their service level agreements. The bandwidth broker 23 comprises an external system communication device 233, a security management device 234, a service level

agreement management device 231, a domain route management device 232, and an internal system communication device 235. See paragraph 0049.)

Regarding claim 7, Rao discloses *wherein a control node is a bandwidth broker* (Referring to Figures 1-3, bandwidth broker 23 is a system with a data processing function operated by program control for managing services in a network cluster comprising multiple devices, including edge devices, the bandwidth broker 23 ensures that devices with the network cluster do not exceed their service level agreements. The bandwidth broker 23 comprises an external system communication device 233, a security management device 234, a service level agreement management device 231, a domain route management device 232, and an internal system communication device 235. See paragraph 0049.)

Regarding claim 8, Rao discloses *wherein the bandwidth broker communicates to edge nodes by using multicasting* (Referring to Figures 1-3, bandwidth broker 23 is a system with a data processing function operated by program control for managing services in a network cluster comprising multiple devices, in which multiple devices are communicated with equivalent to multicasting, the bandwidth broker 23 ensures that devices with the network cluster do not exceed their service level agreements. The bandwidth broker 23 comprises an external system communication device 233, a security management device 234, a service level agreement management device 231, a domain route management device 232, and an internal system communication device 235. See paragraph 0049.)

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DONALD L. MILLS whose telephone number is (571)272-3094. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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